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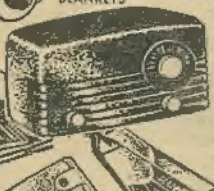

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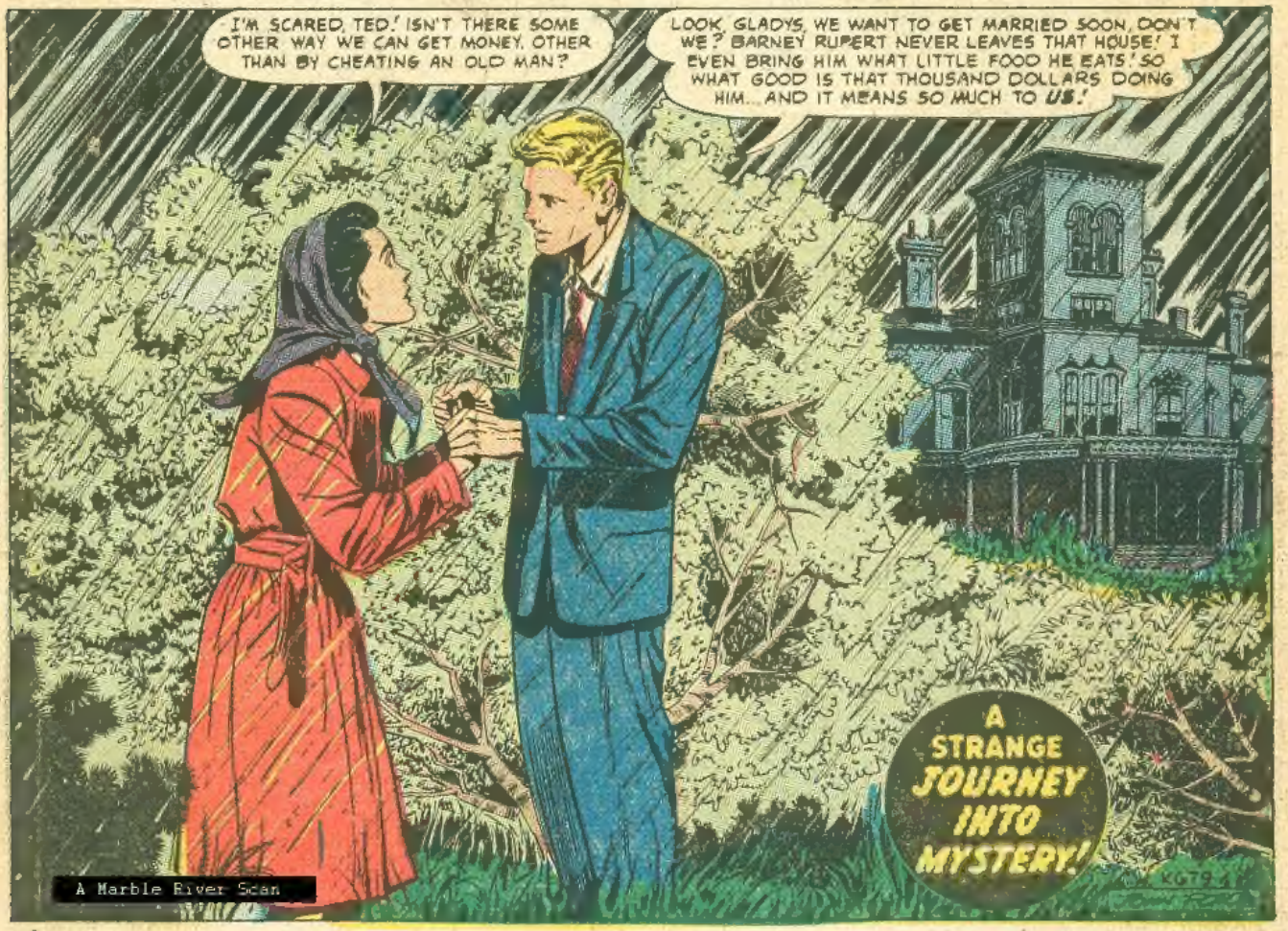
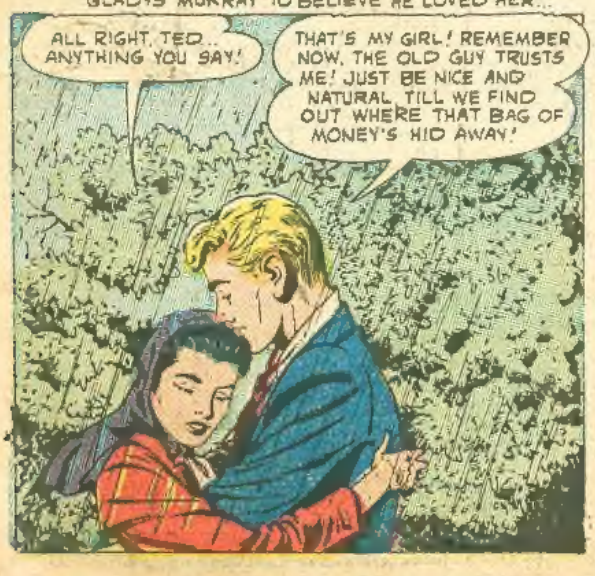
TED'S KINDNESS TO OLD BARNEY RUBERT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN TRICKERY, AND IT WORKED! BUT THE TREACHEROUS STUNT HE PULLED ON THE TRUSTING RECLUSE DIDN'T COMPARE WITH THE TRICK TED PLAYED ON *HIMSELF!*

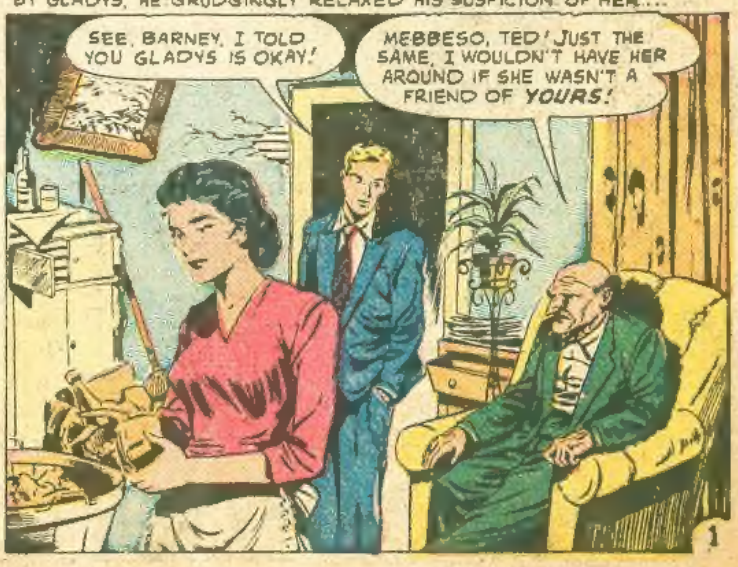
FARLEY'S OTHER FACE!


I'M SCARED, TED! ISN'T THERE SOME OTHER WAY WE CAN GET MONEY, OTHER THAN BY CHEATING AN OLD MAN?
LOOK, GLADYS, WE WANT TO GET MARRIED SOON, DON'T WE? BARNEY RUPERT NEVER LEAVES THAT HOUSE! I EVEN BRING HIM WHAT LITTLE FOOD HE EATS! SO WHAT GOOD IS THAT THOUSAND DOLLARS DOING HIM... AND IT MEANS SO MUCH TO *US!*
A STRANGE *JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!*
A Marble River Scan

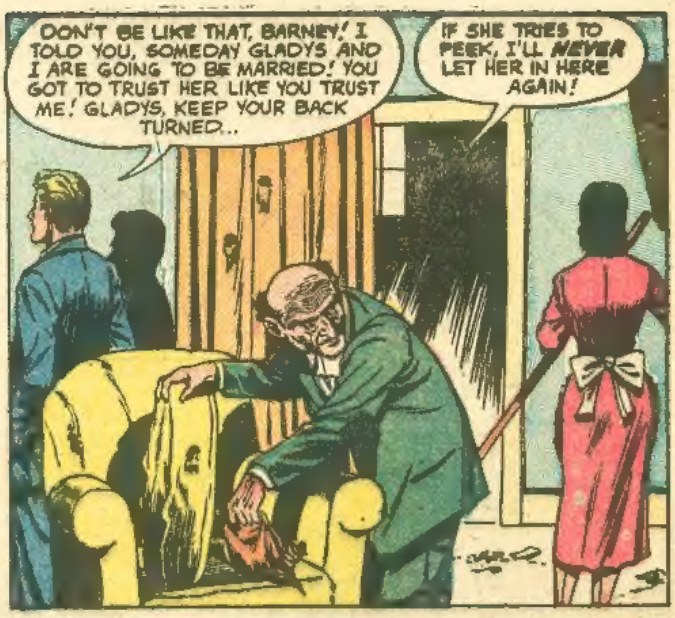
TED FARLEY WAS A SMOOTH TALKER! THAT'S HOW HE GOT THE OLD RECLUSE FOR A FRIEND! THAT'S HOW HE GOT GLADYS MURRAY TO BELIEVE HE LOVED HER...


ALL RIGHT, TED... ANYTHING YOU SAY!
THAT'S MY GIRL! REMEMBER NOW, THE OLD GUY TRUSTS ME! JUST BE NICE AND NATURAL TILL WE FIND OUT WHERE THAT BAG OF MONEY'S HID AWAY!

THE SUDDEN PRESENCE OF ANOTHER PERSON IN HIS SHABBY, OLD HOUSE UPSET BARNEY RUPERT AT FIRST! BUT AFTER SEVERAL VISITS BY GLADYS, HE GRUDGINGLY RELAXED HIS SUSPICION OF HER...



GLADYS IS A TERRIFIC COOK, BARNEY! WE'D HAVE BROUGHT ALONG SOME FOOD, ONLY I'M BROKE! IF YOU COULD SPARE A FEW DOLLARS, I'D HAVE HER FIX YOU THE BEST MEAL YOU EVER ATE!
NO! I'M NOT LETTIN' ANYBODY SEE WHERE I KEEP MY MONEY!


DON'T BE LIKE THAT, BARNEY! I TOLD YOU, SOMEDAY GLADYS AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED! YOU GOT TO TRUST HER LIKE YOU TRUST ME! GLADYS, KEEP YOUR BACK TURNED..
IF SHE TRIES TO PEEK, I'LL NEVER LET HER IN HERE AGAIN!

TED'S SCHEME WORKED! WHILE OLD RUPERT KEPT A CLOSE WATCH ON GLADYS, TED SAW WHERE THE MONEY WAS KEPT! HE BIDED HIS TIME TILL ONE DAY, WHEN A GOOD OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF...

HE'S PRETTY SICK, TED! I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM! HE'S GOTTEN TO LIKE ME, AND I LIKE HIM! YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID WHEN I BROUGHT HIM BREAKFAST?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE SAID, AND I DON'T CARE! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BACK OUT NOW, GLADYS!

I MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS... AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ME OUT OF IT!
PUT THAT MONEY BACK WHERE YOU GOT IT, TED FARLEY!

PLEASE, TED, IF YOU LOVE ME, DON'T TAKE BARNEY'S MONEY! WE'D NEVER BE HAPPY, USING IT TO START MARRIED LIFE!
YOU FOOL! YOU THINK I REALLY WANTED TO MARRY YOU? YOU'RE AS BIG A CHUMP AS THAT OLD MISER!

HELP! GLADYS, DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH MY MONEY! POLICE! P-PLEASE... GLADYS (CHOKE!) CALL THE POLICE!
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOT MAD AND SAID THAT TO GLADYS! I SHOULD'VE STRUNG HER ALONG TILL I COULD BEAT IT OUT OF TOWN! NOW SHE'LL TELL THE LAW WHAT I LOOK LIKE, WHERE TO FIND ME!

TED FARLEY HURRIED TO HIS FURNISHED ROOM! THE THINKING AND WORRYING HE ***SHOULD'VE*** DONE ***BEFORE*** TAKING RUPERT'S MONEY, HE DID ***NOW***...

I GOT TO DECIDE QUICK WHAT TO DO! I COULD HAVE A JOB OF PLASTIC SURGERY DONE ON MY FACE! FIRST THING, THOUGH, I'D BETTER MOVE OUT OF HERE!

TED MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, BUT IT WASN'T THAT EASY TO LOSE HIMSELF, FOR ABOUT A WEEK LATER...

...I'VE TRACED THE MAN TO THIS ADDRESS, MRS. WARREN! HIS RIGHT NAME IS TED FARLEY! PERHAPS IF I DESCRIBE HIM TO YOU...

A DETECTIVE! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD ANY OF THE BOYS WHERE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME! I SHOULD'VE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT!

OH, MR. FOSTER... THERE'S SOMEBODY DOWN HERE WANTS TO SEE YOU!

FOSTER, THAT'S THE ***PHONY*** NAME I GAVE THE LANDLADY! I GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY FACE! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN STAY ***LOST*** FOR GOOD!

TED FARLEY ESCAPED DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE! BY MIDNIGHT, HE LOCATED A CERTAIN SHADY "DOC" MASON, AN UNLICENSED, SELF-STYLED PHYSICIAN, WHO CARRIED ON HIS ILLICIT PRACTICE IN A CELLAR...

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS... JUST FOR DOING OVER MY FACE AND REMOVING MY FINGERPRINTS? GIVE ME A BREAK! ALL I GOT IS A ***THOUSAND!***

WELL, ALL RIGHT... I'LL DO THE JOB, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PAY ME IN ADVANCE!

IT WAS FOUR HOURS BEFORE TED CAME OUT FROM UNDER EITHER...

MY FACE AND HANDS HURT, DOC! YOU GOT TO LET ME STAY A COUPLE OF DAYS!

I'M ***NOT*** RUNNING A HIDE-OUT FOR THIEVES! YOU GOT WHAT YOU PAID FOR! BEAT IT WHILE IT'S STILL DARK OUT!

TED FARLEY HOLED UP IN A ONE-ROOM FLAT HE HAD RENTED BEFORE HAVING HIS FACE ALTERED! HE HAD STOCKED ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST A FEW WEEKS, BY THE END OF WHICH TIME HE'D REMOVED HIS BANDAGES...

"PERSONALS... MR. TED FARLEY, IN CONNECTION WITH WILL OF MR. BARNEY RUPERT, DECEASED, CONTACT LOWDEN DETECTIVE AGENCY...!" WELL, WHAT D'YA KNOW!

NEWS-CHRONICLE

MAYBE THAT GUY WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE! ***SURE!*** WHAT A FOOL I WAS, GETTING PANICKY, HAVING MY FACE CHANGED LIKE THIS! OLD BARNEY MUST'VE DIED AND LEFT ME HIS HOUSE OR SOMETHING! MAYBE HE WAS TOO SICK TO CHANGE HIS WILL!

TED WAS IN DESPERATE NEED OF READY CASH! HE WENT TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE NEWSPAPER..

THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF MONEY INVOLVED, MR. FARNUM! BARNEY RUPERT LEFT NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN YOUR FRIEND TED FARLEY AND A MISS GLADYS MURRAY...
MY SHARE WOULD BE FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND! LISTEN, THAT NAME I GAVE YOU IS A PHONY! IT ISN'T "TOM FARNUM"! I'M TED FARLEY!

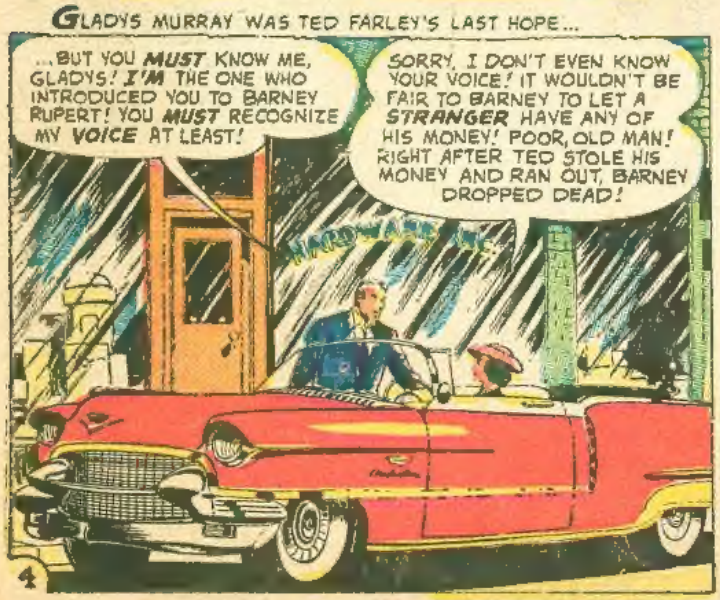
YOU DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE PICTURE OF TED FARLEY WHICH MISS MURRAY GAVE ME! HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE A POSTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO CHECK FINGER-PRINTS!
I HAD MY FINGERPRINTS REMOVED WHEN I HAD MY FACE FIXED OVER! I THOUGHT I WAS IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW!

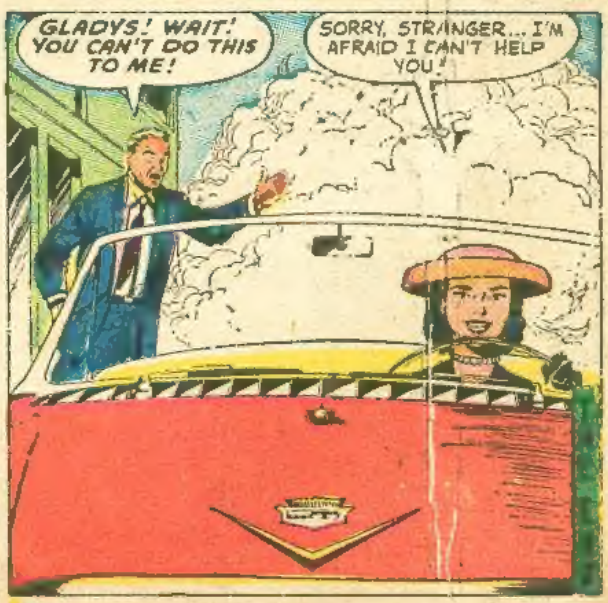
I NEED THAT MONEY, MR. LOWDEN! MAYBE THERE'S SOME WAY SOMEBODY CAN IDENTIFY ME!
THE IDENTIFICATION WILL HAVE TO BE COMPLETE, BEFORE MR. RUPERT'S ATTORNEY WILL ACCEPT YOU AS THE PROPER HEIR!

TED FARLEY DESPERATELY SOUGHT THE AID OF "DOC" MASON...

YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT! I'LL PAY YOU TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!
LOOK, YOU OUTSMARTED YOURSELF! IF I ADMIT OPERATING ON YOU, I'LL WIND UP IN THE PENITENTIARY! FROM NOW ON, MISTER, I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE!

GLADYS MURRAY WAS TED FARLEY'S LAST HOPE...


...BUT YOU MUST KNOW ME, GLADYS! I'M THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED YOU TO BARNEY RUPERT! YOU MUST RECOGNIZE MY VOICE AT LEAST!
SORRY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR VOICE! IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO BARNEY TO LET A STRANGER HAVE ANY OF HIS MONEY! POOR, OLD MAN! RIGHT AFTER TED STOLE HIS MONEY AND RAN OUT, BARNEY DROPPED DEAD!



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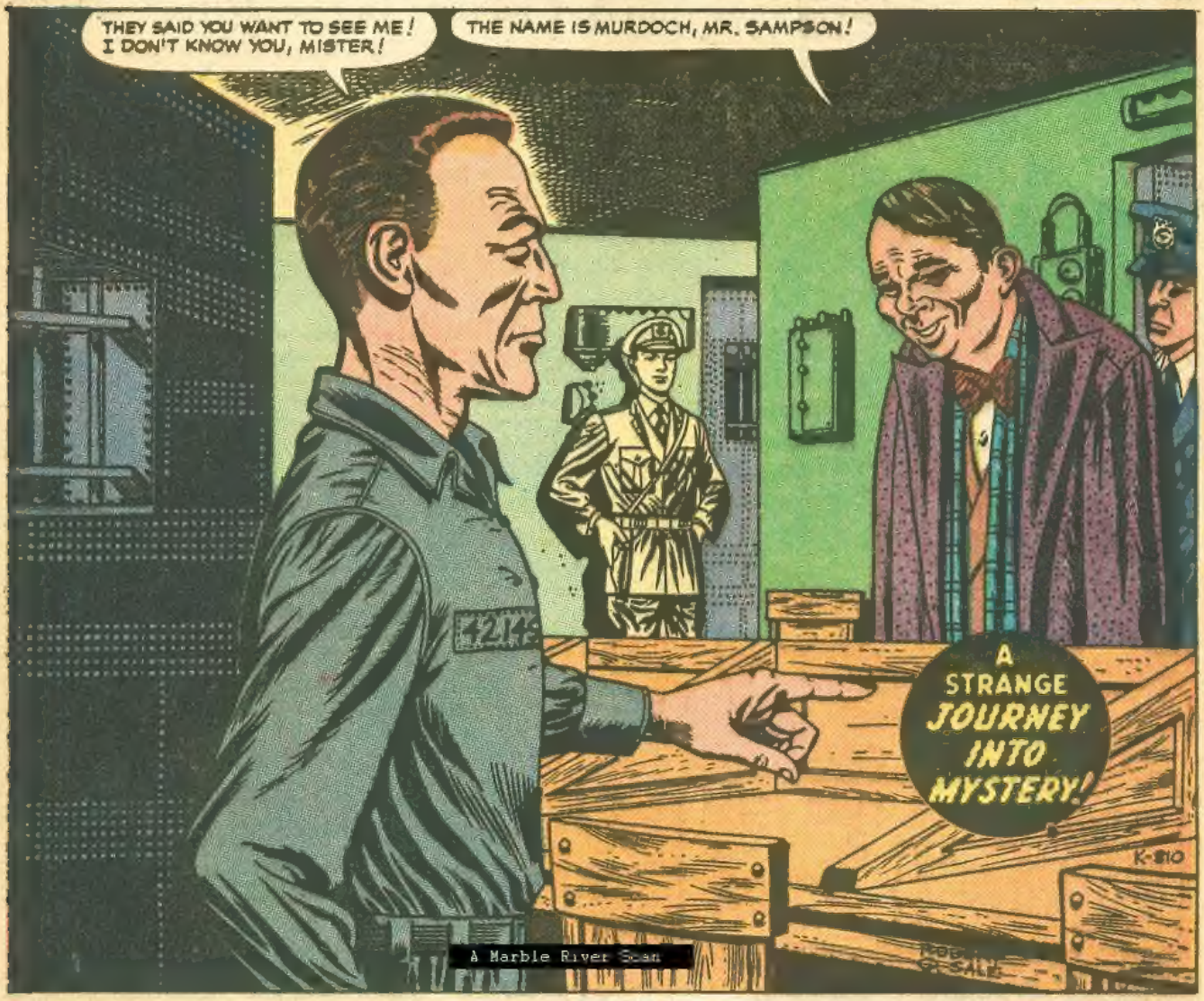
LIFE SENTENCE!


THEY SAID YOU WANT TO SEE ME! I DON'T KNOW YOU, MISTER!
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MISTER! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANYBODY CALLED ME MISTER! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SELL, MURDOCH?
FREEDOM, MR. SAMPSON! YOU SEE, GOING THROUGH OLD NEWSPAPER FILES, I CAME ACROSS THIS CLIPPING! YOU'RE IN THIS PENITENTIARY FOR A ROBBERY FROM WHICH YOU GOT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! IT SAYS YOU HAD "HIDDEN AWAY" THAT MONEY!

SO THAT'S YOUR ANGLE! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, MURDOCH! I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT LOOT!
IT MUST BE WORTH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO YOU TO BE FREE, SAMPSON! THIS IS NO TRICK, I ASSURE YOU! IT WON'T HURT YOU TO LISTEN!

LEO SAMPSON SHRUGGED! NO, IT WOULDN'T HURT HIM TO LISTEN TO HIS STRANGE VISITOR...

THESE, MR. SAMPSON, ARE "YOUTH PILLS"! NOW DON'T LAUGH... THEY *REALLY* WORK! EACH OF THESE PILLS WILL TAKE TEN YEARS OFF YOUR AGE! YOU'RE ABOUT FORTY-SEVEN? THEN TWO OF THESE PILLS WILL RETURN YOU TO THE AGE OF *TWENTY-SEVEN!*
TWENTY-SEVEN? THAT MEANS I'D HAVE TWENTY *MORE* YEARS TO SERVE OUT!

YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND! YOU'VE BEEN HERE ABOUT A MONTH *LESS* THAN TWENTY YEARS, RIGHT? TAKING TWENTY YEARS TIME OFF YOUR AGE WOULD BRING YOU BACK TO THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU WERE *FREE!*
MURDOCH, YOU'RE EITHER CRAZY OR YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO TELLING YOU WHERE THAT LOOT IS HIDDEN!

THE EVENTS OF *1936* FLASHED THROUGH LEO SAMPSON'S MIND! IT HAD BEEN ON A NIGHT ONE MONTH SHORT OF 20 YEARS AGO! HE HAD PLANNED THE ROBBERY OF THE MORRISEY WAREHOUSE, AND HAD NEARLY FINISHED THE JOB...

HE REMEMBERED HOW FAST HE'D THOUGHT...

THEY WON'T THINK OF LOOKING FOR THE DOUGH HERE! I'LL OPEN THE WINDOW, AND THEY'LL THINK I TOSSED IT OUT TO SOMEBODY WAITING OUTSIDE! THEN, IF I'M CAUGHT, AT LEAST I'LL KNOW *WHERE* TO LAY MY HANDS ON READY CASH!

AND HE REMEMBERED HEARING THE WATCHMAN NEARBY, AND HE HAD PANICKED, RUN... WHICH WAS HIS BIG MISTAKE!

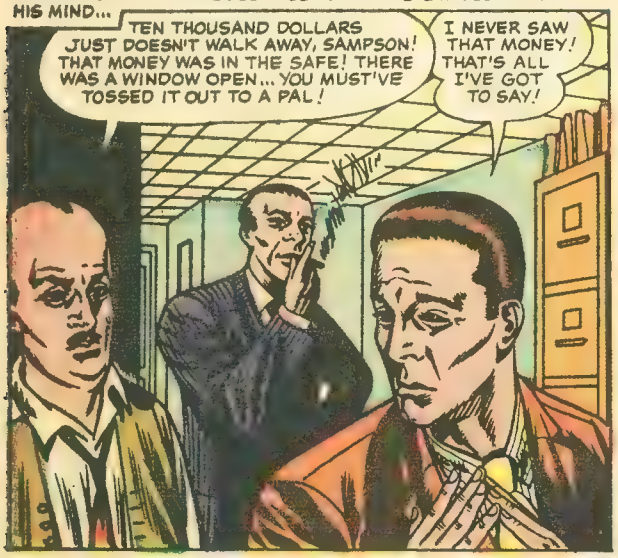
WHAT A FOOL I AM! HE'D ALREADY PASSED BY! HE WOULDN'T HAVE SEEN ME IF I HADN'T MADE A BREAK FOR IT! I COULD'VE GOTTEN OUT WITH THAT MONEY!
HEY, YOU!

LEO COULDN'T FORGET THAT MOMENT WHEN THE WAREHOUSE ALARM SHATTERED THE STILLNESS OF THE NIGHT...

THEN HE MADE IT OUT, ALL RIGHT... INTO THE ARMS OF TWO PATROLMEN!

LOOK, I'M CLEAN, I GOT NOTHING! I WAS BROKE, JUST TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO SLEEP FOR THE NIGHT!
DON'T WORRY... WE'LL SEE YOU GET A PLACE TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT... FOR A LONG TIME!

THE MEMORY OF THE DETECTIVES' GRILLING STAYED FRESH IN HIS MIND...


TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST DOESN'T WALK AWAY, SAMPSON! THAT MONEY WAS IN THE SAFE! THERE WAS A WINDOW OPEN... YOU MUST'VE TOSSED IT OUT TO A PAL!
I NEVER SAW THAT MONEY! THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY!

THEN THERE'D BEEN THE TRIAL, AND MORE QUESTIONS, BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THIS TIME...

YOU WON'T EVEN HELP YOURSELF BY SAYING WHO YOUR ACCOMPLICE WAS! WHAT KIND OF A FRIEND WOULD LET YOU TAKE THE RAP, SAMPSON?
IT'S NO USE ASKING ME AGAIN WHERE THE MONEY IS HID! I DON'T KNOW!

SO THE JURY HAD FOUND HIM GUILTY, AND HE HAD FIGURED ON A FIVE-YEAR TERM! AND HE'D NEVER FORGET THE SHOCK JUDGE HOLTON HAD IN STORE FOR HIM...

LIFE IMPRISONMENT! I DON'T GET IT, YOUR HONOR!
AS A FOURTH OFFENDER, YOU AUTOMATICALLY EARNED YOURSELF A LIFE SENTENCE!
NOTES

MORE THAN THOSE THOUGHTS FLASHED INTO LEO'S MIND! THERE WAS TREACHERY, TOO...

MURDOCH, I'M NOT ASKING YOU WHERE YOU GOT THOSE PILLS ... I GOT NO PROOF THEY WORK! IF I TELL YOU WHERE THAT DOUGH IS HIDDEN...
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN MR. SAMPSON! BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME! AFTER ALL, THE MONEY'LL DO YOU NO GOOD, LOST IN SOME HIDING PLACE!

OKAY, MURDOCH... YOU'RE ON! BUT IF THIS IS A TRICK, I'LL TELL THE POLICE WHERE THE MONEY IS, AND THEY'LL GET THERE FIRST!
HERE ARE THE PILLS! NOW, WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS?
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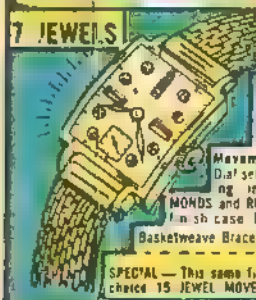

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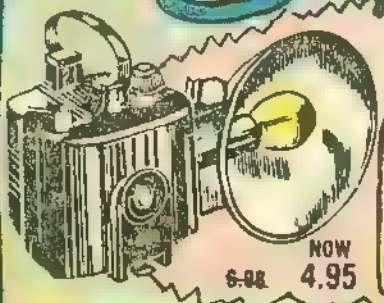

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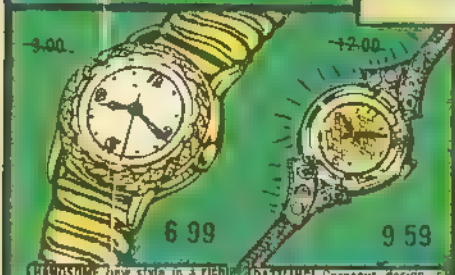

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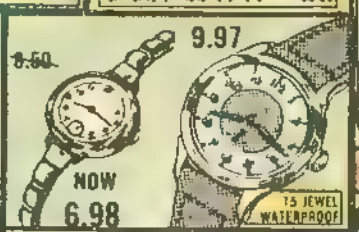

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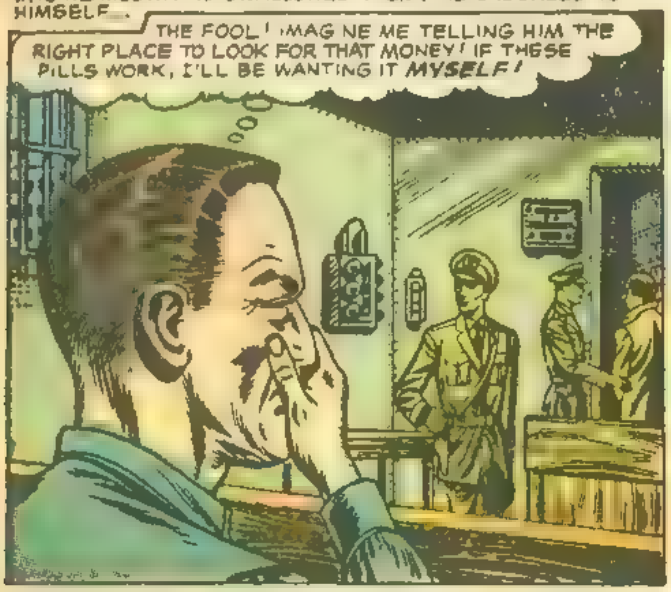
LEO GAVE MURDOCH THE INFORMATION, THEN TOSSED THE PILLS INTO HIS MOUTH AND SWALLOWED THEM! HE CHUCKLED TO HIMSELF...



HE SUDDENLY FADED FROM SIGHT! FROM THAT MOMENT, LEO SAMPSON WAS NOT MISSED! IT WAS AS THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEEN INSIDE THAT PENITENTIARY!

FOR IT WAS 20 YEARS EARLIER FOR SAMPSON! HE HAD NOT YET BROKEN INTO THE MORR SEY WAREHOUSE! BUT HE COULD STILL REMEMBER HAVING TAKEN THE AMAZING PILLS, AND THE MONEY HE HAD HIDDEN BENEATH THE FLOORBOARD, AND THAT VERY NIGHT..

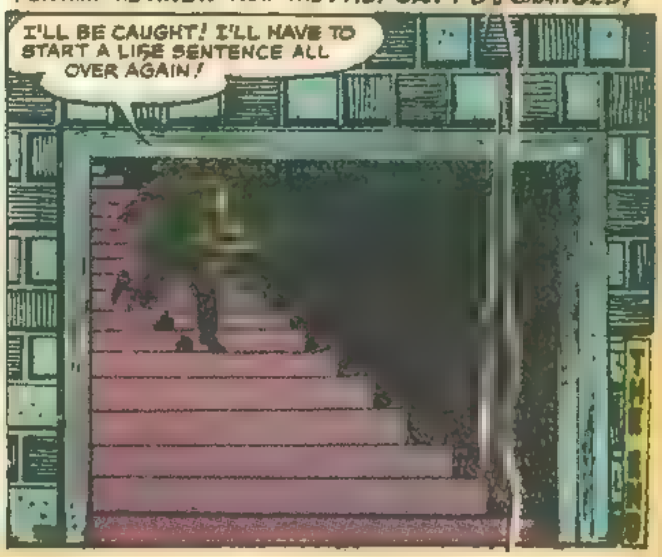
BUT THE MONEY WASN'T THERE AND SUDDENLY LEO UNDERSTOOD!

EVERYTHING WAS THE SAME AS THE LAST TIME LEO HAD DONE THIS... THE WATCHMAN CAME..

THIS TIME I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE! I'LL HIDE THE BAG OF MONEY UNDER THIS FLOORBOARD, THEN SLIP OUT BEHIND THE WATCHMAN! NO USE TAKING CHANCES!

BUT HE DID MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE! LEO COULDN'T HELP HIMSELF! HE PANICKED, RAN..

THEN LEO SAMPSON WAS DASHING DOWN THE STAIRS, THE SAME CLAMOR OF THE BURGLAR ALARM SHOCKING HIS EARS! AND HE KNEW THE POLICE WOULD BE WAITING OUT THERE FOR HIM! HE KNEW THAT THE PAST CAN'T BE CHANGED!



AT LONG LAST THEY STOOD BEFORE THE OBJECT OF THEIR TEDIOUS SEARCH...THE FABULOUS HINDU TEMPLE OF **OJIIR**... REPOSITORY OF THE LEGENDARY **LUXOR DIAMOND**! BUT IN THEIR GREED THEY NEGLECTED TO PAY HEED TO...

THE CURSE OF OJIIR!

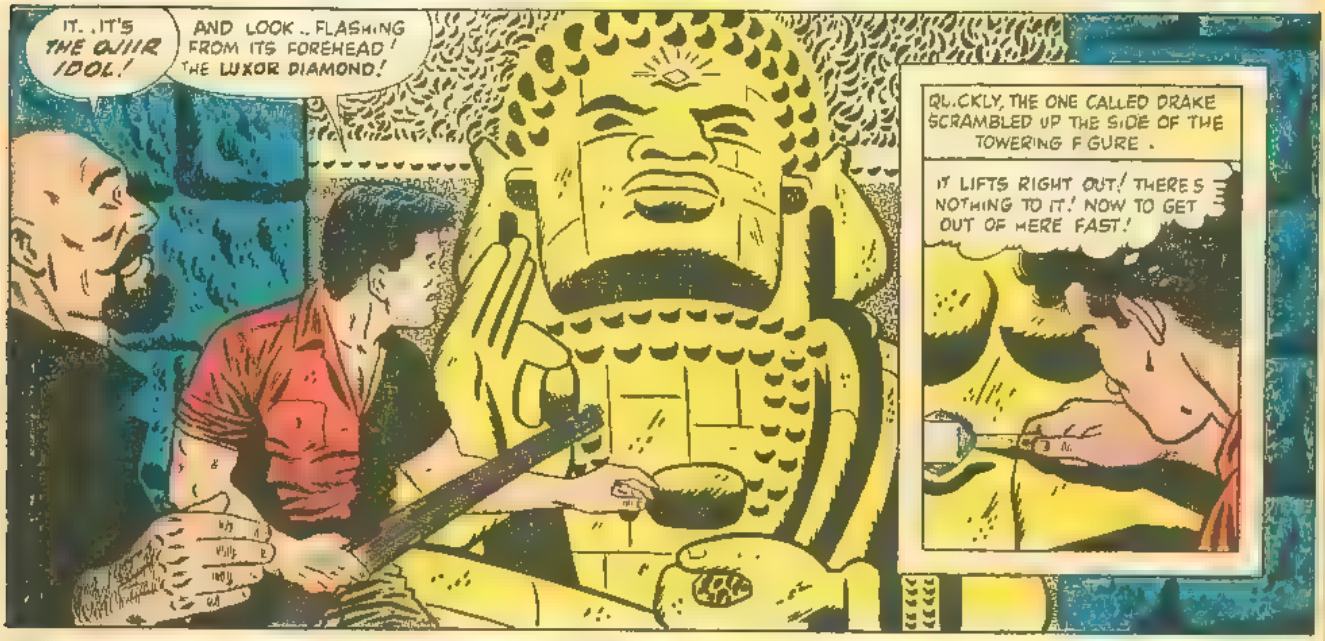
THIS IS THE TEMPLE, DRAKE...NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!
GOOD! LET'S GET GOING IN
A STRANGE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
A Marble River Scan
PETE MORISI
KOTO

SO THEY STEPPED FORWARD INTO THE MURKY LIGHT, THEIR EVERY SENSE KEENLY ALERT.

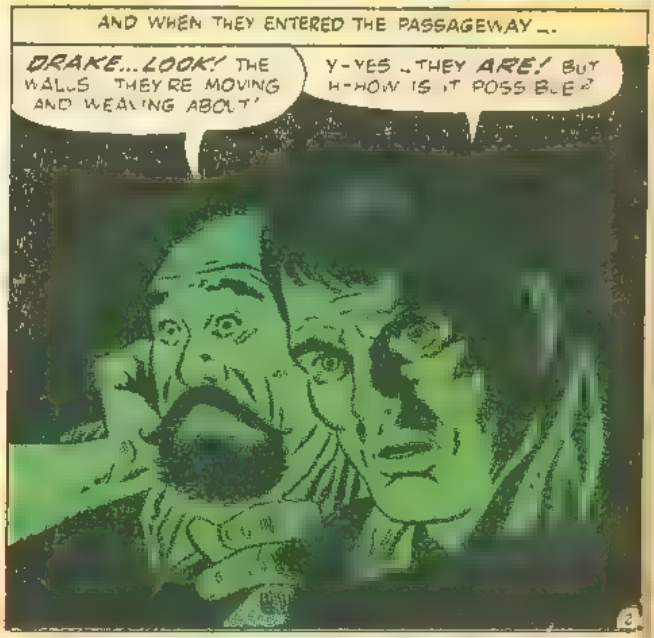
IS THERE A CHANCE THAT THE DIAMOND REALLY EXISTS?
AN EXCELLENT CHANCE! THE LEGEND SAYS THAT IT IS EMBEDDED IN THE GREAT IDOL THEY CALL OJIIR!

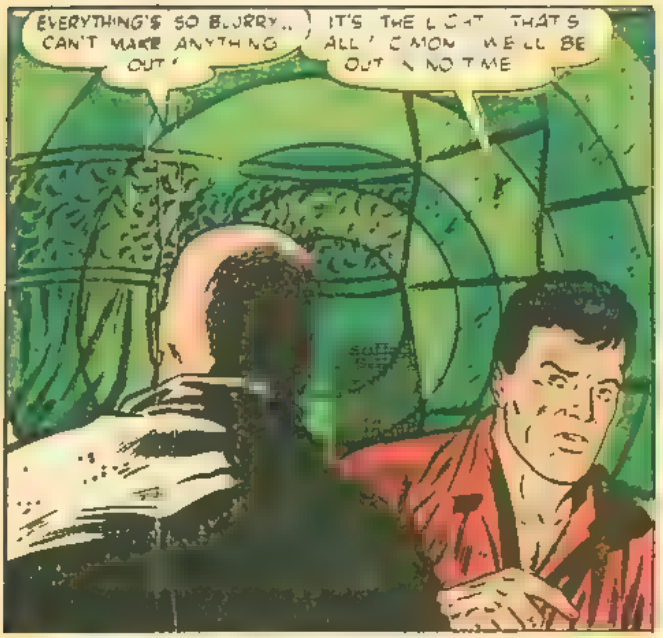
I KNOW, AND THERE S A CURSE THAT GOES WITH IT TOO
THAT'S FOR SUPERSTITIOUS FOOLS TO SWALLOW NOT US

AS THEY NEARED THE END OF THE CORRIDOR
LOOK DRAKE UP AHEAD
IT'S SOME KIND OF LIGHT COME ON

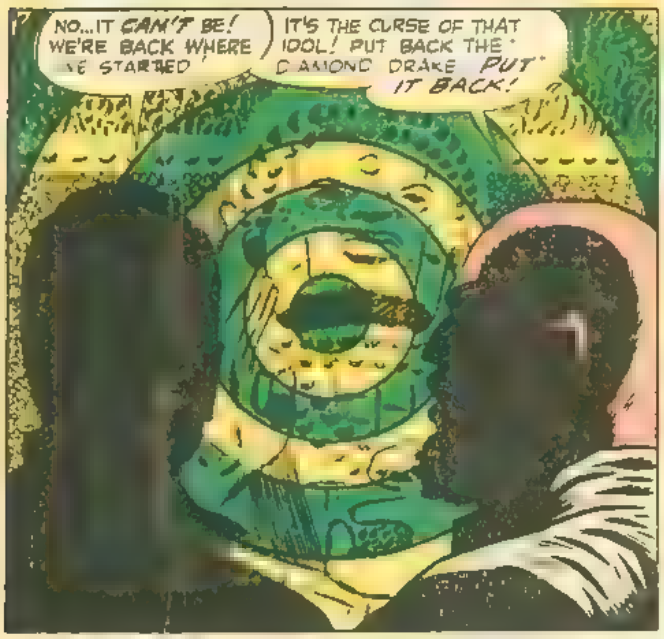

IT. . IT'S THE OJIIR IDOL!
AND LOOK .. FLASHING FROM ITS FOREHEAD! THE LUXOR DIAMOND!
QUICKLY, THE ONE CALLED DRAKE SCRAMBLED UP THE SIDE OF THE TOWERING FIGURE .
IT LIFTS RIGHT OUT! THERE S NOTHING TO IT! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

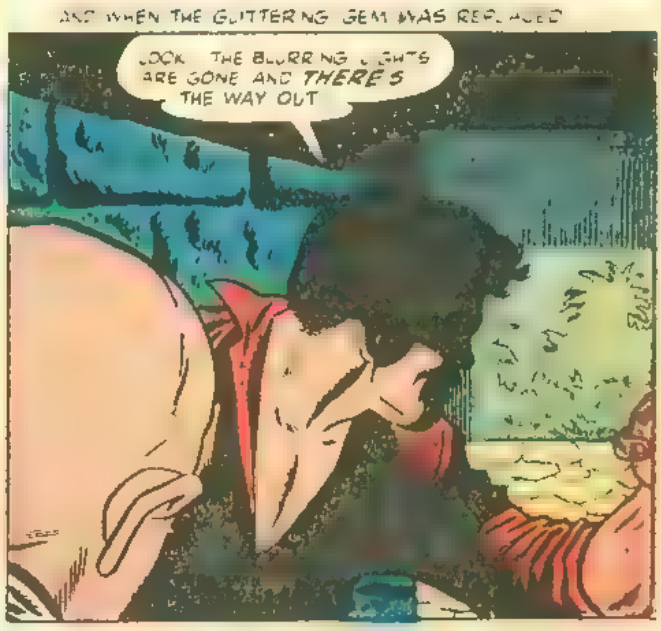
IMAGINE, THE LEGENDARY LUXOR DIAMOND... OURS! AND IT WAS ALL SO EASY... LIKE PICKING A RIPE PLUM OFF A TREE!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE! IT WAS TOO EASY!

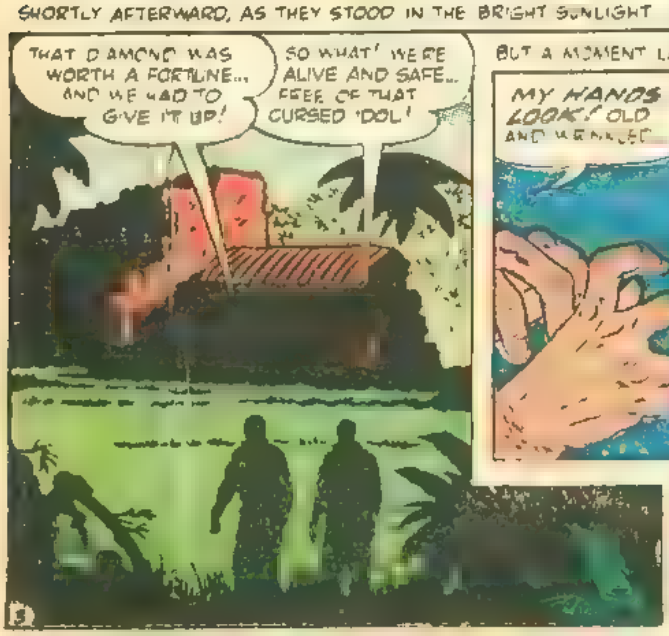

AND WHEN THEY ENTERED THE PASSAGEWAY ...
DRAKE... LOOK! THE WALLS THEY'RE MOVING AND WEAVING ABOUT!
Y-YES .. THEY ARE! BUT H-HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

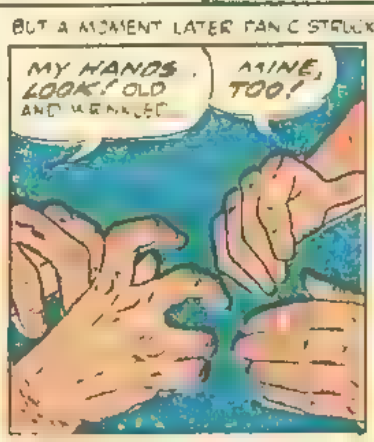

EVERYTHING'S SO BLURRY.. CAN'T MAKE ANYTHING OUT!
IT'S THE LIGHT THAT'S ALL! C'MON WE'LL BE OUT IN NO TIME

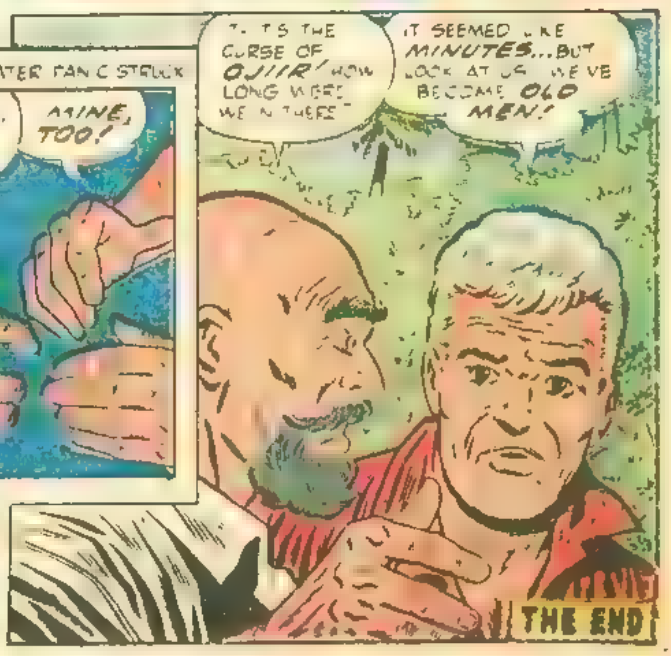
ON AND ON THEY WENT TIME SEEMINGLY STANDING STILL WITH THE CORRIDORS TWISTING ON ENDLESSLY AND THE STRANGE PULSATING LIGHTS DANCING BEFORE THEIR EYES
I CAN'T GO ON CAN'T
WAIT SOMETHING'S UP AHEAD A LIGHT


NO...IT CAN'T BE! WE'RE BACK WHERE WE STARTED
IT'S THE CURSE OF THAT IDOL! PUT BACK THE DIAMOND DRAKE PUT IT BACK!


AND WHEN THE GLITTERING GEM WAS REPLACED
LOOK THE BLURRING LIGHTS ARE GONE AND THERE'S THE WAY OUT


SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS THEY STOOD IN THE BRIGHT SUNLIGHT
THAT DIAMOND WAS WORTH A FORTUNE... AND WE HAD TO GIVE IT UP!
SO WHAT! WE'RE ALIVE AND SAFE.. FREE OF THAT CURSED 'DOL!


BUT A MOMENT LATER PANIC STRUCK
MY HANDS LOOK! OLD AND WRINKLED
MINE, TOO!


IT'S THE CURSE OF OJIR! HOW LONG WERE WE IN THERE
IT SEEMED LIKE MINUTES...BUT LOOK AT US WE'VE BECOME OLD MEN!
THE END

HE SAW THE FUTURE

IT could have happened to anybody. Unfortunately, it happened to Harry. Luck had been running against him all week, one of those inexplicable cycles of bad breaks that befall everybody now and then. And in Harry's case, everything seemed to strike at once.

Harry worked for a big bridge and road construction company. The day he decided to ask for a raise, his car broke down and he arrived at work an hour late. Naturally, he met his boss in the elevator, and Mr. Harding's cold glare dispelled all of Harry's hopes for an increase in salary. Then, he lost his wallet on payday and with it went the cash he needed to pay for his car repairs. And finally, to complete the cycle, he had an argument and broke off with his best girl merely because he insisted that they didn't have enough money to get married.

So it wasn't too surprising that Harry *just happened* to be passing by the new building going up when the small bag of cement fell from the second story scaffolding. Naturally, among all the noon-hour throngs on the street, Harry was the one to be struck on the head and knocked unconscious to the ground. The only surprising thing was that he recovered seemingly unhurt in the midst of a curious group of onlookers. When he sat up, stared about him, he became aware of the strange whirring noise in his head that seemed to drown out the excited din of the crowd.

"Tell the hospital ambulance driver that I'm perfectly all right and won't need any help," he addressed the people around him.

"Poor fellow must be delirious," one man muttered. "I was right here when it happened, and I know that nobody had phoned the hospital. He's still out of his head. I'll bet he hardly even knows what hit him."

The man's words were interrupted by the blaring siren of a hospital van that came roaring up the street. "Where's the guy who was hit by the falling cement sack?" the driver shouted. "The building contractor phoned us when he saw what happened."

The mob parted for a brisk, efficient-looking doctor in whites. He knelt by Harry's side and after a quick but thorough examination he looked up in surprise.

"Awfully odd," he exclaimed to the driver. "His pulse and reflexes are normal, and his head is barely bruised. You're a very fortunate fellow, to have escaped so easily," he added to Harry. "Don't be surprised, however, if you should experience any headaches or dizziness. Sometimes people suffer from delayed shock. I suggest that you come to us immediately if anything bothers you later on."

Harry thanked him very kindly for his attention and then hurried back to work. There was no point in antagonizing Mr. Harding any further by overstaying his lunch hour. He was soon back at his desk and busily studying some blueprint sketches when he noticed his boss passing by.

"Are you going to make a bid on the government contract for the proposed bridge over Middle River, Mr. Harding?" he inquired.

"Are you sure you're feeling well, Harry?" Mr. Harding responded icily. "I've heard nothing about such a contract or a contemplated bridge over the river. The old span's not too wide or modern, but it'll do for many more years. Where did you ever get such an idea?"

"Oh, they plan on using the old bridge, too," Harry answered quickly. "But they hope to complete the new bridge before next Spring in order to relieve the traffic congestion in good weather driving." His words were so calm and certain that Mr. Harding hesitated only a moment before he picked up the phone and called the state highway commission.

When he completed his call, Mr. Harding turned slowly and studied Harry in bewilderment. "I believe we've really stumbled on something. We're first in line for that contract . . . and a fat contract it is, too," he said hoarsely. "They seemed a bit surprised that we knew about it before they issued a press release on the contract. I guess it must have leaked out somehow and you . . ." His words trailed off as he noticed that Harry was again deeply immersed in the stack of blueprints on his desk.

That night, Harry took the bus home. He was forced to stand near the driver because the bus was jammed with the rush hour crowd going home. Suddenly, Harry leaned forward and stared through the windshield as the bus careened around a sharp curve.

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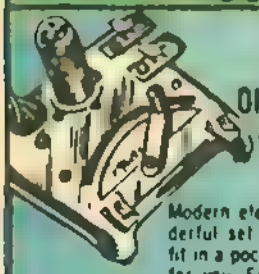

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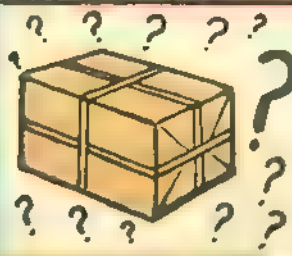

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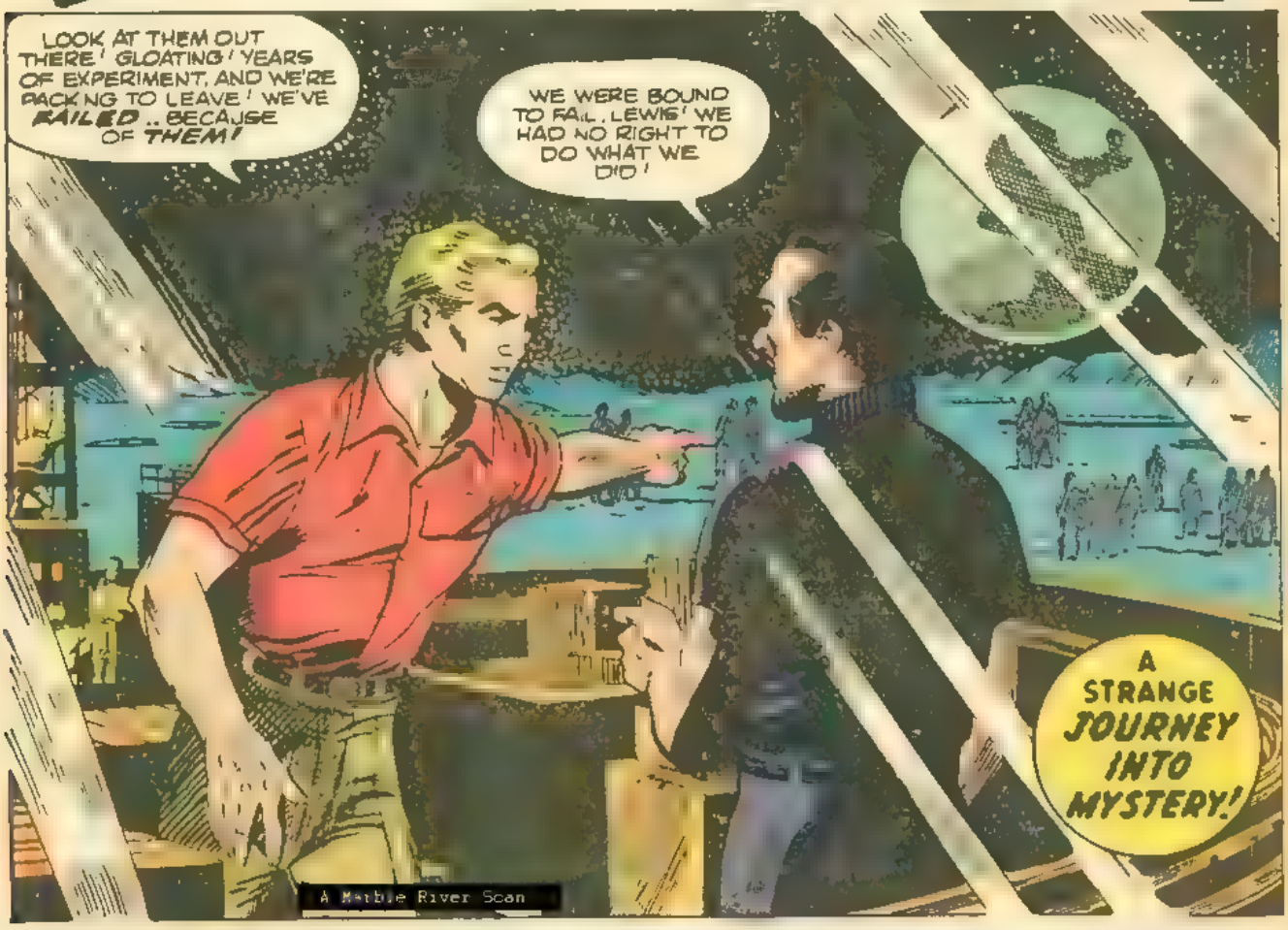
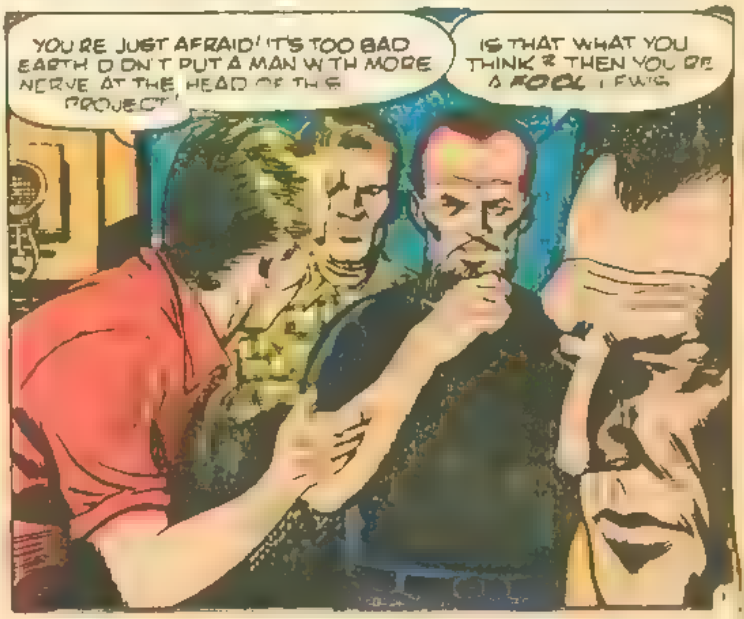
MAN HAS REACHED THE MOON! BUT **REMAINING THERE** IS QUITE ANOTHER MATTER...

Humans... KEEP OUT!


LOOK AT THEM OUT THERE! GLOATING! YEARS OF EXPERIMENT, AND WE'RE PACKING TO LEAVE! WE'VE FAILED.. BECAUSE OF THEM!
WE WERE BOUND TO FAIL, LEWIS! WE HAD NO RIGHT TO DO WHAT WE DID!
A STRANGE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
A Marble River Scan

WE HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT ON THE MOON AS THEY HAVE! WE OUGHT TO HUNT THEM DOWN INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM DRIVE US OUT
IF WE TRIED, WE'D DIE! YOU KNOW THAT!

BENDER TRIED TO BE PATIENT, BUT YEARS OF WORK, AND NOW THIS! IF THE OTHERS SNEERED AT HIM, WHO COULD BLAME THEM?


YOU'RE JUST AFRAID! IT'S TOO BAD EARTH DIDN'T PUT A MAN WITH MORE NERVE AT THE HEAD OF THIS PROJECT!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK? THEN YOU'RE A FOOL, LEWIS

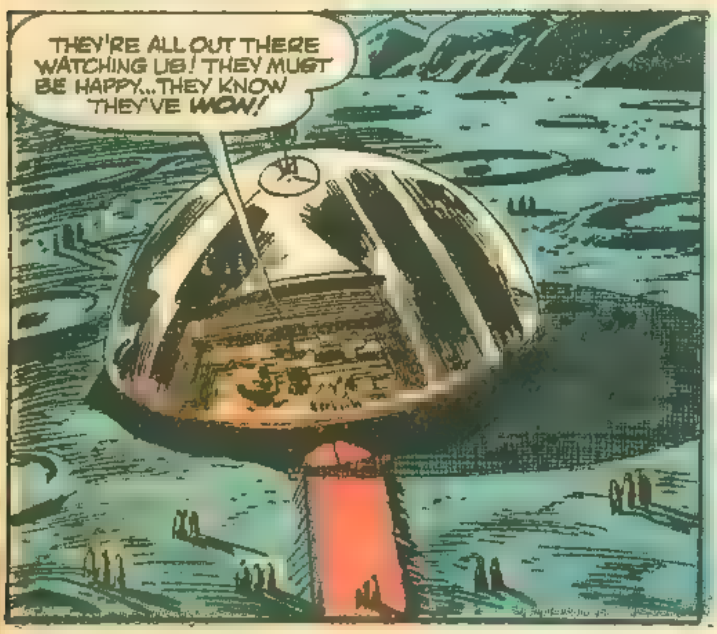
THOSE CREATURES OUT THERE DON'T NEED A DOME TO PROTECT THEM! THEY DON'T NEED OXYGEN! THEY'RE AS INTELL..GENT.
...AS WE ARE! WE KNOW ALL THAT! I STILL SAY GET RID OF THEM! WE CAN DO IT!
THEN..
ANOTHER ROCK! GET A PRESSURE PATCH, QUICK!
THEY WORKED SWIFTLY..DESPERATELY..
HURRY WITH THAT PRESSURE PATCH! HURRY!
ALL RIGHT! LEAVE IT LIKE THAT! THERE'S NO POINT IN MAKING A PERMANENT REPAIR! AFTER TODAY WE WON'T BE HERE!
SO YOU'D GET RID OF THEM, WOULD YOU? ONLY IT SEEMS THEY HAVE THE SAME IDEA ABOUT US DOESN'T IT, LEWIS?
THE DIFFERENCE IS, THEY CAN DO IT! THEY CAN SMASH THIS DOME, AND IT'S ALL THAT KEEPS US ALIVE! WITHOUT OXYGEN, WE DIE!

YOU FOOLS! READ THIS! IT WAS WRAPPED AROUND THE FIRST ROCK THEY THREW THROUGH THE DOME! I'VE KEPT IT FROM YOU...*NOW*, YOU MAY AS WELL *KNOW*!

YOU THINK *YOU* HATE THEM, DO YOU? WELL, *THEY* HATE *US* A HUNDRED TIMES AS MUCH!
HUMANS, GET OUT! THIS IS OUR PLANET!
YOU ARE NOT WANTED HERE!
GET OUT!

WHY? BENDER HAD PONDERED THAT QUESTION SO MANY TIMES! HOW COULD HE ANSWER?

THE PACKING WENT ON, AND AT LAST, IT WAS DONE...



YOU FOOL! THEY SAW YOU PICK UP THE RIFLE!
AGAIN, A PATCH WAS SLAMMED IN PLACE!
ONE SHOT, LEWIS? ONE SHOT AND THEY'D DESTROY US! YOU'LL LEARN ONE DAY! IT WAS BOUND TO BE LIKE THIS! IT'S ONLY JUSTICE!
ONLY JUSTICE! BENDER COULD SEE IT SO CLEARLY..
SCIENCE CAN GO ONLY SO FAR! IF THOSE CREATURES OUT THERE ARE DRIVING US OUT, WE DESERVE IT! WE MADE THEM WHAT THEY ARE!
ALL THE YEARS OF WORK, AND NOW IT WAS OVER..
WE HAD NO RIGHT TO MAKE THIS EXPERIMENT! WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAMPER WITH SOME THINGS!
WE HAD NO RIGHT TO TRAIN A NEW KIND OF HUMANS... HUMANS WHO DON'T REQUIRE OXYGEN... JUST TO COLONIZE THE MOON!
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"Better slow down when you reach Willow Street," he advised the driver. "That burst water main has ripped up the road, and they haven't had time to put up barricades or warning lights yet."

"Are you crazy?" the driver exploded. "Why, I only passed that spot an hour ago and the road was in perfect condition. Don't you know that you're not supposed to talk to the driver while the bus is in motion. I ought to make you get out and walk . . ."

The sudden slam of the brake and the screech of the tires broke off his conversation as the bus reached Willow Street. A geyser of water was spraying over the sidewalks while a crew of emergency workers was working desperately to reach the source of trouble.

"I'm sorry if I annoyed you," Harry apologized. "I just didn't want anybody to get hurt."

The dumbfounded driver just stared at him. Harry decided to get out and walk the rest of the way home. His head still throbbed with that strange whirring sound, and he felt that a bit of fresh air might relieve him.

He had no intention of stopping off at Della Randall's house. They had quarreled and their engagement was broken, yet before he realized what he was doing, the front doorbell was ringing and Della was asking him to come in.

"I wasn't expecting company tonight, especially yours, after our disagreement," Della said appraising him critically.

"I didn't expect to drop in either," Harry explained, "but I wanted to be here to be sure you watched the 'Jack Pot' program tonight. And when they call you for the Magic Answer . . . ?

"Harry Taylor, have you gone mad? I thought at first that you had come to apologize and that we might make up, but now I'm convinced that you're either trying to make fun of me or that you've lost your bearings."

"I wouldn't make fun of you, Della," Harry maintained stoutly. "And I'm sorry that we quarreled. Suppose we just watch the program together and try to patch things up."

With resignation, Della tuned the program in on the TV set. Despite herself, she began to enjoy the mad antics of the master of ceremonies. She even got a bit excited as the magic question was asked and the M.C. began to dial the number of the lucky contestant.

"Just remember what I tell you now," Harry instructed. "And whatever happens, keep calm! The jack pot this week comes to $5000."

Della nodded automatically and then was off like a grey-

hound when her phone began to ring. She quickly gasped out her name for the benefit of the listening audience and didn't hesitate a second when she was asked to give the middle name of the 28th President of the United States.

"Gamaliel . . . Warren *Gamaliel* Harding," she shouted excitedly.

Harry was standing next to the TV set, and the triumphant roar of the studio audience confirmed his knowledge that Della had won the jack pot question. As he turned to run toward Della, he failed to notice that his foot was caught in a loop of the antenna wire. He distinctly remembered his frantic effort to regain his balance before he crashed into the wall and lost consciousness.

When he awoke, his head was cradled in Della's lap and she was busily applying an icepack to his throbbing brow. Harry managed to flash a feeble smile.

"Darling, you're all right now, aren't you," Della said soothingly. "You've got a nasty lump on your head, but otherwise you'll be no worse for wear. And we both should be so happy! With the money we won tonight, we'll have enough for a full honeymoon and a house furnishing. We won't have to postpone our marriage after all!"

Harry smiled blissfully. He had a dull ache in his head, but that strange whirring noise was gone. He stood up a bit unsteadily and hugged Della happily. "The sooner we get married the better," he murmured contentedly. "But right now I'd better go home and rest. I've had a hectic day and I want to be fresh when I get to the office tomorrow."

When Harry reached the office the next day, Mr. Harding was waiting anxiously for him. "Good morning, Harry," he boomed. "This is a very special day. Just a little while ago, I got a call from the state highway commission. They liked our bid and decided to accept it immediately because they felt we were alert and efficient. We've got that contract, my boy, and I'm not a man to withhold credit."

He leaned forward and whispered confidentially in Harry's ear. "There's a fat bonus and a raise for you in return for that splendid work yesterday. And I can see great things in store for you. Why, with your brains and contacts teamed with my money and know-how, we'll really go places. What do you say, boy?"

Harry was lost in a haze of happiness.

"Thanks so much for your confidence, Mr. Harding," he mumbled. "I hope you're right. But who can really foretell the future?"

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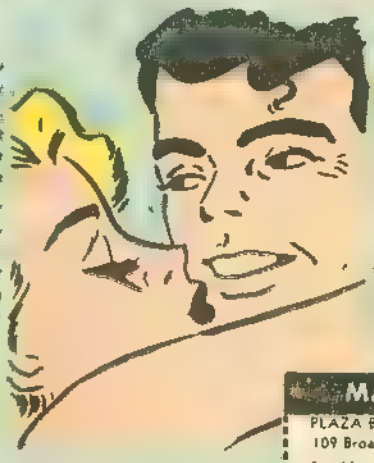

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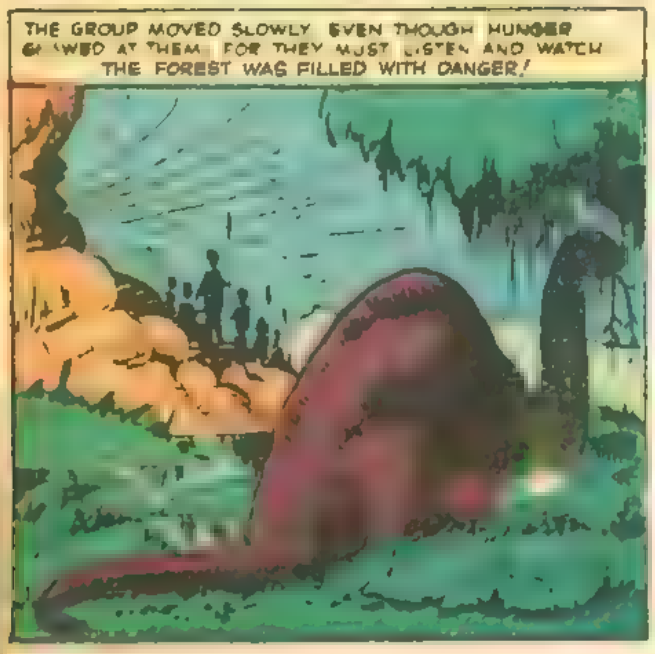
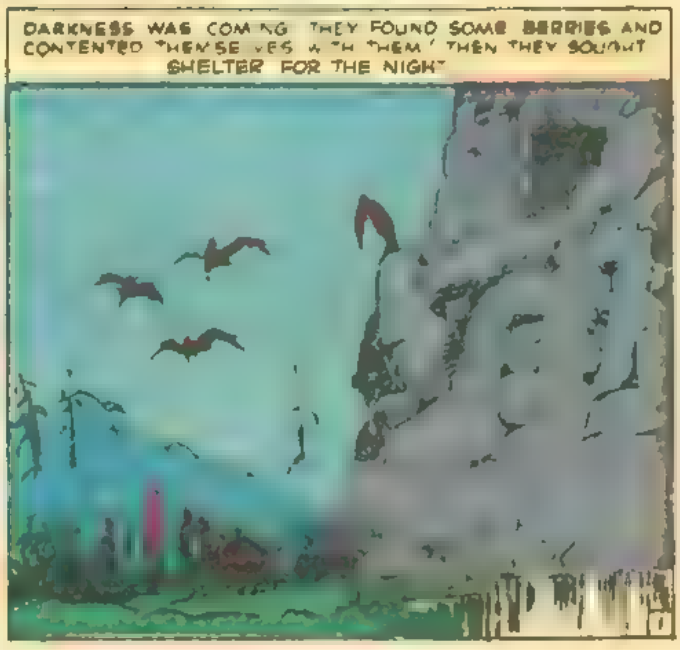
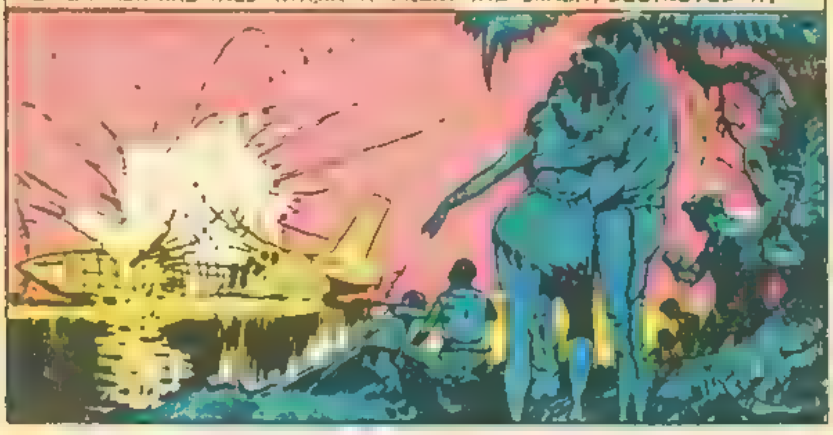
the SAVAGES


THE GROUP MOVED SLOWLY EVEN THOUGH HUNGER GNAWED AT THEM. FOR THEY MUST LISTEN AND WATCH. THE FOREST WAS FILLED WITH DANGER!



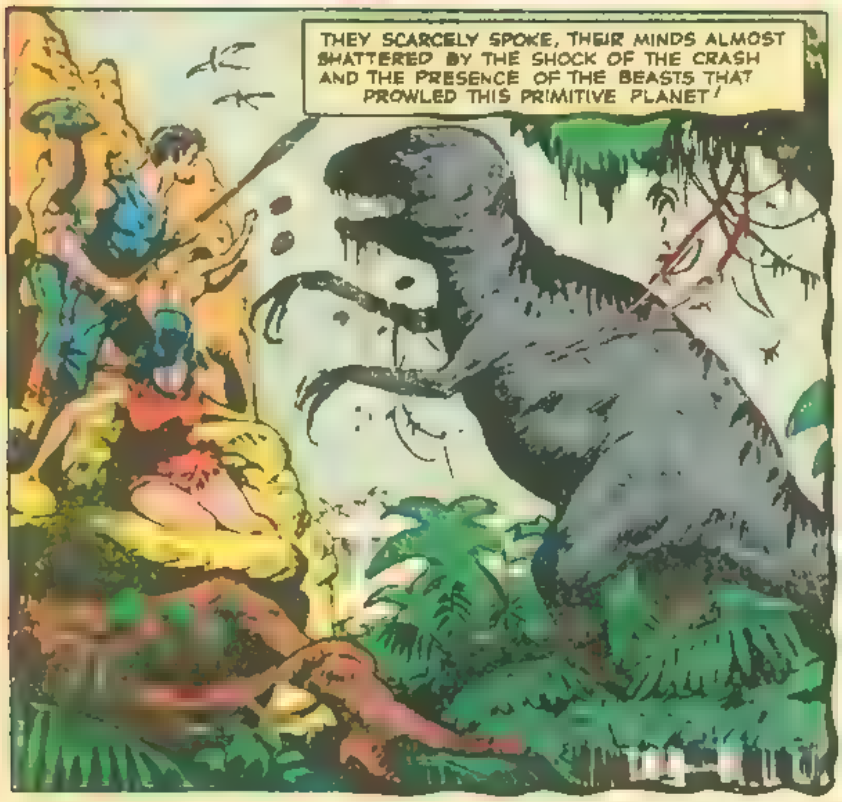
THEY LAY IN THE CAVE, THEIR EYES DULL WITH WANT AND FROM SOME GREAT SHOCK THAT THEY HAD SURVIVED.
SOON THE SOUNDS OF SLUMBER CAME FROM THE CAVE! THE LEADER OF THE LITTLE BAND SAT AT THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE, ON WATCH! HE LOOKED UP AT THE STARS... ONE RED STAR SHONE BRIGHTLY.. AND REMEMBRANCE CAME TO HIM!
HE REMEMBERED THE INSIDE OF A SHIP THAT HAD COME FROM THAT RED STAR! HE AND THE OTHERS HAD BEEN INSIDE THAT SHIP!
TARN, SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! I THINK THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THAT PLANET WE'RE APPROACHING HAS THROWN THE NUCLEAR REACTORS OUT OF LINE!
TRY TO PULL UP... GET INTO FREE SPACE AND WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME FINDING OUT WHAT'S WRONG, AND CORRECT IT!
I CAN'T! THE SHIP WON'T RESPOND! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH ON THAT PLANET DOWN THERE!
ELSNER, GET ON THE COMMUNICATOR! SEE IF YOU CAN PICK UP OUR HOME PLANET, MARS! ADVISE THEM OF OUR PREDICAMENT!
WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO TO US?
NO GOOD RIGHT NOW! BUT YOU KNOW THE RULE! IF ONE OF OUR SHIPS DOESN'T RETURN FROM A PLANETARY EXPLORATION, IT IS ASSUMED THE PLANET IS DANGEROUS AND NO OTHER SHIP WILL FOLLOW! WE MUST REACH MARS AND LET THEM KNOW OUR SHIP IS AT FAULT, SO THEY'LL SEND HELP TO US... IF WE SURVIVE!
BUT BEFORE THEY COULD SEND THEIR CALL FOR HELP ACROSS THE BLACK GULF OF LIGHT-YEARS, THE SHIP CRASHED!

THEY MANAGED TO STRUGGLE AWAY FROM THE SHIP BEFORE THE NUCLEAR POWER RUNNING WILD WITHIN IT FROM THE CRASH, DESTROYED IT!



THEY WERE WITHOUT WEAPONS ON A PRIMORDIAL PLANET! THEY MOVED AWAY FROM THE RADIATION-CONTAMINATED AREA OF THE SHIP AND BEGAN THEIR SEARCH FOR SUSTENANCE. .

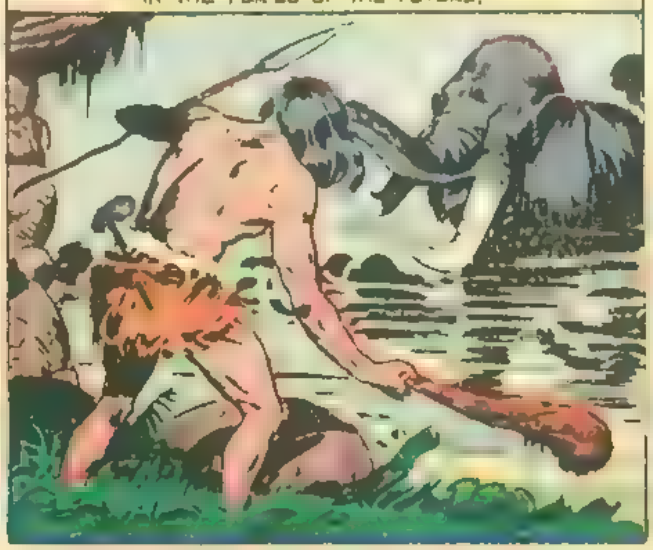
THEY SCARCELY SPOKE, THEIR MINDS ALMOST SHATTERED BY THE SHOCK OF THE CRASH AND THE PRESENCE OF THE BEASTS THAT PROWLED THIS PRIMITIVE PLANET!



A GROWL IN THE NIGHT BROUGHT THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN TARN, CAPTAIN OF THE GREAT SHIP, BACK TO THE PRESENT AND THE LIGHT OF MEMORY FADED FROM HIS EYES .

TIME PASSED! THE REMNANTS OF THOSE GLITTERING UNIFORMS FELL AWAY AND WERE REPLACED BY PELTS FROM THE CREATURES THEY HUNTED FOR FOOD! THEY ROAMED THE LAND, TRYING TO KEEP ALIVE WITH THEIR CRUDE WEAPONS, A LITTLE BAND OF HUMANS IN A VAST, INHOSPITABLE CONTINENT!

THE LUSTER OF THEIR INITIAL MENTALITY WAS GONE IN THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL! IN TIME, EVEN TARN DREAMED NO MORE AND THE PAST WAS FORGOTTEN IN THE PERILS OF THE FUTURE!



CHILDREN WERE BORN! SOMETHING STIRRED IN THE ADULTS, A WANT TO TEACH THESE YOUNG ONES SOMETHING! BUT THEY COULD NOT REMEMBER WHAT, AND THEY SO SELDOM SPOKE IN MORE THAN GRUNTS NOW, THAT COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT! THEY COULD ONLY GRUNT AND POINT TO THE RED STAR!

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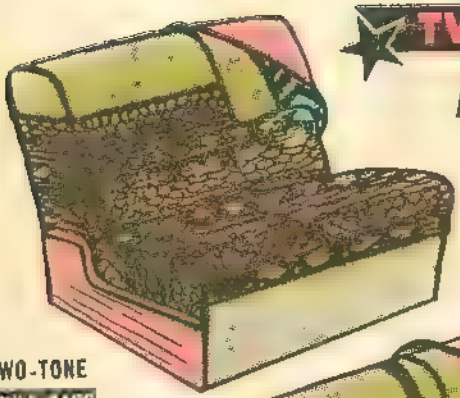

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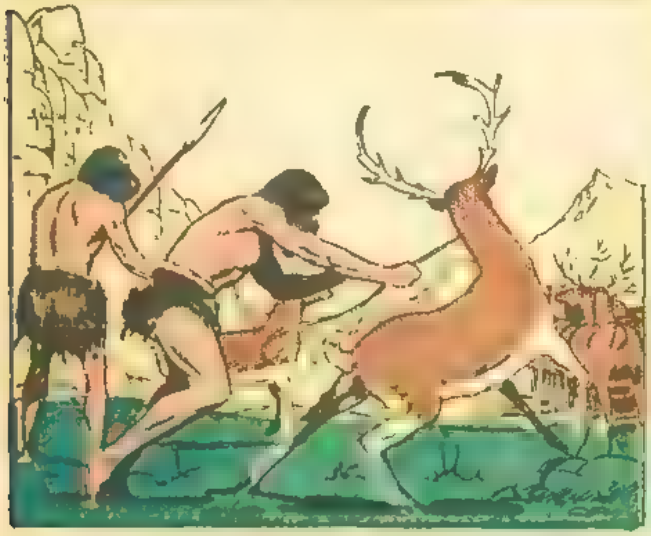
THE EARTH CHANGED! A SPARK, LONG DORMANT, CAME TO LIGHT IN THE EYES OF A CHILD WITHIN HIM SOMETHING STIRRED AND HE DREW PICTURES ON THE WALLS OF THE CAVE!

SPEECH CAME TO THEM! THEY LEARNED TO CORRAL THE HERDING BEASTS, AND NOT NEEDING TO FORAGE FOR FOOD ANY MORE, FORMED INTO COMMUNITIES AND TILLED THE SOIL!

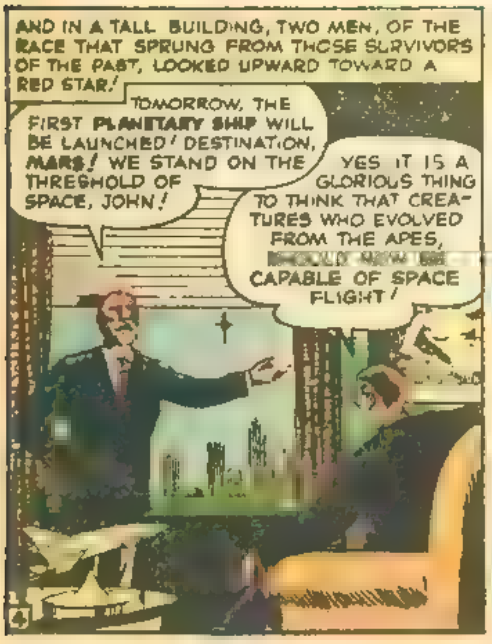


MORE AGES PASSED! THE ORIGINAL SPARK OF INTELLIGENCE INHERITED FROM THOSE FIRST FEW WHO CRASHED ON EARTH, FLOWERED INTO MATURITY AGAIN! CITIES GREW AND MAN LOOKED TOWARD THE STARS AGAIN!

AND IN A TALL BUILDING, TWO MEN, OF THE RACE THAT SPRUNG FROM THOSE SURVIVORS OF THE PAST, LOOKED UPWARD TOWARD A RED STAR!

TOMORROW, THE FIRST **PLANETARY SHIP** WILL BE LAUNCHED! DESTINATION, **MARS!** WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF SPACE, JOHN!

YES IT IS A GLORIOUS THING TO THINK THAT CREATURES WHO EVOLVED FROM THE APES, [redacted] CAPABLE OF SPACE FLIGHT!



I WONDER WHAT THEY'LL FIND UP THERE? A DEAD PLANET? OR PERHAPS LIFE!

PERHAPS LIFE YES! BUT NO LIFE SUCH AS WE KNOW IT! VERY PRIMITIVE, PROBABLY!

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?

BECAUSE, IF LIFE **DOES** EXIST UP THERE, IT **MUST BE PRIMITIVE!** MARS IS OLDER THAN EARTH, AND IF LIFE THERE WASN'T PRIMITIVE, **THEY WOULD HAVE HAD SPACE FLIGHT... LONG BEFORE US!**

THE END

FIGHT MANAGER FRITZ LUDER'S NEW HEAVYWEIGHT WAS A WALKING GOLD MINE! NOBODY COULD STOP HIM FROM BECOMING THE CHAMP OF GERMANY! AFTER ALL, THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE RULE BOOK THAT SAID A MAN HAD TO STAY **VISIBLE** WHILE HE WAS IN THE RING!

the DISAPPEARING MAN!

WE DO NOT MOVE OUT OF THE WAY FOR ANYONE! YOU ARE IN OUR PATH . GET INTO THE GUTTER WHERE YOU BELONG
WAIT EDDA! THOSE ROUGHNECKS ARE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! AND THE FELLOW LOOKS AS IF HE'S CAPABLE OF GIVING IT TO THEM TOO
A STRANGE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
A Marble River Scene
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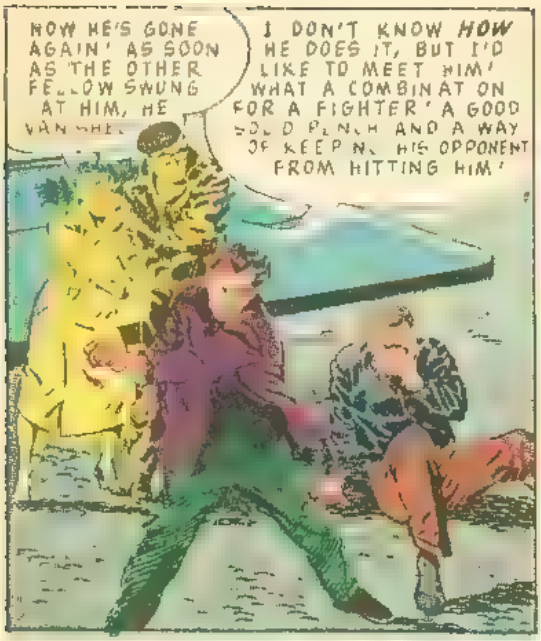
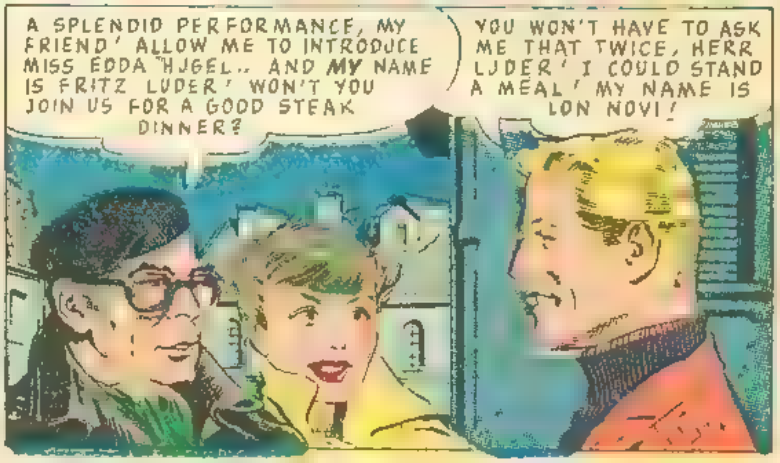
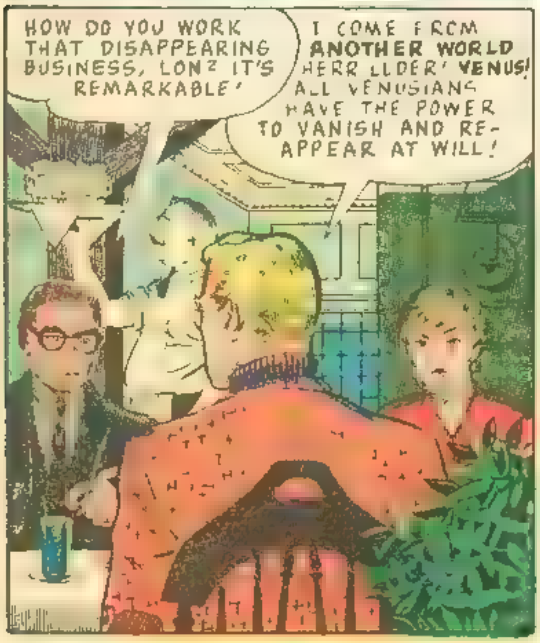
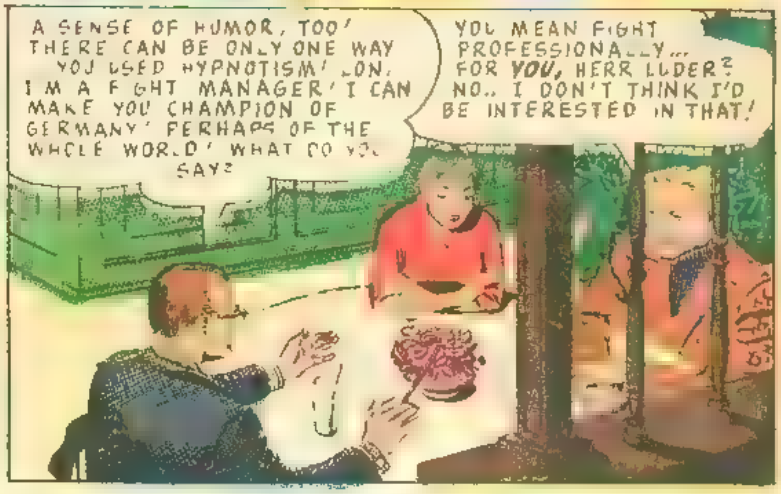
FIGHT MANAGER FRITZ LUDER AND HIS BEAUTIFUL FIANCEE EDDA HUGEL WATCHED WITH AMAZEMENT, AS THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER REAPPEARED BETWEEN THE TWO STARTLED BRUISERS...


NOW HE'S GONE AGAIN! AS SOON AS THE OTHER FELLOW SWUNG AT HIM, HE VANISHED!
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT, BUT I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM! WHAT A COMBINATION FOR A FIGHTER! A GOOD SOLID PUNCH AND A WAY OF KEEPING HIS OPPONENT FROM HITTING HIM!

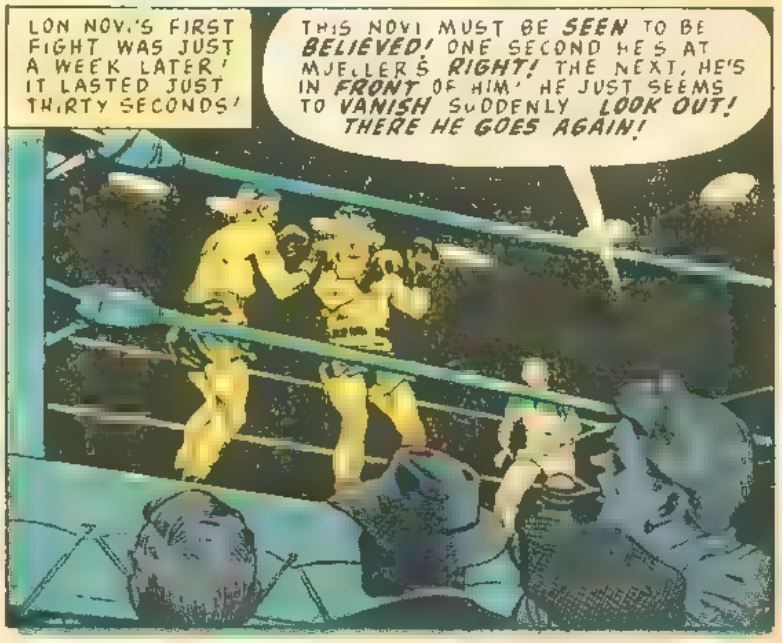
AGAIN HE APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE! IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE MEN WHO STARTED IT
RUN, HORST! HOW CAN YOU BEAT A MAN YOU CAN'T SEE HALF THE TIME?


A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE, MY FRIEND! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MISS EDDA HJGEL.. AND MY NAME IS FRITZ LUDER! WON'T YOU JOIN US FOR A GOOD STEAK DINNER?
YOU WON'T HAVE TO ASK ME THAT TWICE, HERR LUDER! I COULD STAND A MEAL! MY NAME IS LON NOVI!


HOW DO YOU WORK THAT DISAPPEARING BUSINESS, LON? IT'S REMARKABLE!
I COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD HERR LUDER! VENUS! ALL VENUSIANS HAVE THE POWER TO VANISH AND REAPPEAR AT WILL!


A SENSE OF HUMOR, TOO! THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE WAY YOU USED HYPNOTISM! LON, I'M A FIGHT MANAGER! I CAN MAKE YOU CHAMPION OF GERMANY! PERHAPS OF THE WHOLE WORLD! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU MEAN FIGHT PROFESSIONALLY... FOR YOU, HERR LUDER? NO.. I DON'T THINK I'D BE INTERESTED IN THAT!

FRITZ LUDER TOUCHED HIS FIANCEE'S FOOT WITH HIS AND WINKED AT HER SLYLY! EDDA UNDERSTOOD AND TURNED ON HER CHARM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D BE AFRAID TO FIGHT, LON NOT AFTER WHAT I SAW OUTSIDE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE WONDERFUL I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE YOU FIGHT AGAIN... IN THE PRIZE RING!
WELL.


LON NOVI'S FIRST FIGHT WAS JUST A WEEK LATER! IT LASTED JUST THIRTY SECONDS!
THIS NOVI MUST BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED! ONE SECOND HE'S AT MUELLER'S RIGHT! THE NEXT, HE'S IN FRONT OF HIM! HE JUST SEEMS TO VANISH SUDDENLY LOOK OUT! THERE HE GOES AGAIN!

THE CROWD IS STUNNED.. NOT THAT MUELLER HAS EVER BEEN A TOP FIGHTER! BUT THIS LON NOVI.. HE'S FANTASTIC! I'D SAY HE'S UNBEATABLE!
NOBODY WAS MORE EXCITED BY THE NEW FIGHTER'S SHOWING THAN FRITZ LUDER! BUT THE MANAGER'S JOY WAS SHORT-LIVED FOR LATER IN LON'S HOTEL ROOM...
TRUE, I CAN'T HOLD YOU TO A CONTRACT, IF YOU WON'T FIGHT, LON.. BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! WE'LL HAVE HALF-MILLION DOLLAR GATES WITH THE PEOPLE WHO'LL JUST COME TO SEE YOU, OUT OF CURIOSITY!
EDDA WANTED TO SEE ME FIGHT AGAIN, FRITZ I'VE DONE IT! I DON'T LIKE TO
THE BIG [illegible] LIKE TO FIGHT! EDDA [illegible] WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH HIM HE'S WORTH A COUPLE MILL ON TO US! TELL HIM YOU LOVE HIM IF YOU HAVE TO... ANYTHING!
LON, PLEASE DON'T QUIT NOW! IT MEANS SO MUCH TO.. US!
I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO REFUSE YOU ANYTHING, EDDA ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY WANT!
SO LON FOUGHT AGAIN AND AGAIN! HIS FAME SPREAD THROUGH EUROPE! FRITZ LUDER KEPT WORRYING THAT HE MIGHT QUIT AGAIN BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS EDDA TO MAKE SURE LON STAYED
FRITZ IS AFRAID I WON'T DO MY ROADWORK, ISN'T HE? I'D RUN ALL DAY IF I WERE SURE YOU'D BE THERE WAITING! I LOVE YOU, EDDA!
AND I LOVE YOU, LON
DON'T YOU SEE THE PICTURE, LON? IN TEN DAYS YOU MEET THE CHAMP! THE ODDS ON YOU ARE TWENTY-FIVE TO ONE... I'VE BET EVERY CENT IN THE WORLD I HAVE ON THE CHAMP! BESIDES YOUR SHARE OF THE GATE, I'LL GIVE YOU TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE!
YOU WANT ME TO TO LOSE, FRITZ? NO, I CAN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT! WE VENUSIANS ARE HONORABLE PEOPLE WE CAN'T CHEAT!
WAIT A MOMENT! YOU REALLY MEAN THAT YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER PLANET? YOU DON'T USE HYPNOTISM?
I WOULD NOT LIE ABOUT SUCH A THING, FRITZ! I CAN PROVE I AM FROM VENUS!
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LON NOVI'S PROOF LAY IN A GREAT FOREST TO THE NORTH! FRITZ DROVE HIM AND EDDA HUGEL TO A CLEARING THERE, THAT NIGHT...
THEN IT IS TRUE! YOU REALLY CAME TO EARTH FROM VENUS IN THIS FLYING SAUCER!
OF COURSE! OTHER VENUSIANS HAVE DONE IT BEFORE ME! THEY WERE AFRAID THEY WOULD NOT BE WELCOME, BUT I'VE BEEN HAPPY HERE ... ESPECIALLY NOW, WITH EDDA!

THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL HERE, LON, IS THAT YOU LOOK LIKE AN EARTHMAN! BUT HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO STAY, AFTER I TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU ARE? THEY'LL BELIEVE ME, TOO... "MR. DISAPPEARING MAN"! AND I WILL TELL, UNLESS YOU THROW THE FIGHT!
FRITZ, I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE UP TO SOME ROTTEN BUSINESS LIKE THAT! HE'LL DO IT, LON! YOU'LL HAVE TO DO AS HE SAYS!

BUT, TEN DAYS LATER, WHEN LON NOVI MET THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, HE DID NOT LOSE THE FIGHT! RATHER HE WON IT IN ONE MINUTE OF THE FIRST ROUND...

FRITZ LUDER'S RAGE REACHED FEVER PITCH BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED IN LON'S DRESSING ROOM...
COME ON, LON... THE REPORTERS AND FANS ARE RIGHT OUTSIDE! I'M GOING TO TELL THEM YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
I'M GOING BACK TO VENUS TONIGHT, FRITZ! AND EDDA IS GOING WITH ME!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, EDDA! HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ME LOSE ALL MY MONEY! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET HIM TAKE YOU FROM ME, TOO! EDDA!
LON AND I WERE MARRIED A WEEK AGO, FRITZ! NOW I TOO, AM A VENUSIAN!

IT WAS LATER THAT NIGHT! FRITZ LUDER, BROKE, DAZED AND BEATEN, WAS ON HIS WAY HOME! A FAINT WHINING SOUND DREW HIS ATTENTION TO THE SKY...
HE EVEN TOOK YOU FROM ME, EDDA! (SOB!)
THE END

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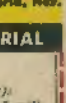

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